

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DEPARTMENT ADVOCATE'S OFFICE

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In the Matter of

DETECTIVE MANTZ

Case #: 80292/04  
IAB #: 03/31243  
C#: 03-0963

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One Police Plaza  
New York, New York 10038  
September 28, 2004

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PRESENT:

INVESTIGATORS: Sgt. Frank Terran ✓  
Lt. Ronald Mehere

SUBJECT: Det. Mantz

ATTORNEY: Mr. Joe Cousinelli, DEA

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1 SGT. TERRAN: ... 2004. The time is approximately  
2 15:10 hours. This is Sgt. Terran at 315 Hudson Street.  
3 Present with me is Lt. Mehere, Group #41. We are about  
4 to interview Detective Mantz in connection with IAB  
5 Case Nbr. 03/31243, C# 03-0963, which occurred on  
6 November 26, 2003 at approximately 13:30 hours. End of  
7 test.

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9 SGT. TERRAN: The date is September 28, 2004. The  
10 time is approximately 15:15 hours. Detective, I am  
11 Sgt. Terran. Present with me is?

12 LT. MEHERE: Lieutenant Ronald Mehere.

13 SGT. TERRAN: Please state your rank, name, and  
14 command?

15 DET. MANTZ: Detective Donald P. Mantz, my command  
16 is IAB Group #51.

17 SGT. TERRAN: Shield Number?

18 DET. MANTZ: 114.

19 SGT. TERRAN: Present and acting as your legal  
20 representative is?

21 DET. MANTZ: Joe Cousinelli, Welfare Officer for  
22 the DEA.

23 SGT. TERRAN: Detective, are you satisfied with  
24 your representation?

25 DET. MANTZ: I am.

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1           SGT. TERRAN: The following misconduct is alleged:  
2       Disclosing confidential information and computer  
3       misuse. At this time you are present as a witness.

4           This is an official department investigation. It  
5       is my duty to inform you that you are required to  
6       answer questions directed to you by a superior officer  
7       truthfully and to the best of your knowledge. This  
8       interview is being conducted under the provisions of  
9       Patrol Guide Section 206-13 which states: I wish to  
10      advise you that you are being questioned as part of an  
11      official investigation by the Police Department. You  
12      will be asked questions specifically and narrowly  
13      related to the performance of your official duties.  
14      You are entitled to all the rights and privileges  
15      guaranteed by the laws of the State of New York, the  
16      Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the  
17      United States, including the right not to be compelled  
18      to incriminate yourself and the right to have legal  
19      counsel present at each and every stage of this  
20      investigation. I further wish to advise you that if  
21      you refuse to testify or answer questions relating to  
22      the performance of your official duties, you will be  
23      subject to departmental charges which could result in  
24      your dismissal from the Police Department. If you do  
25      answer, neither your statements nor any information or

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1 evidence which is gained by reason of such statements,  
2 can be used against you in any subsequent criminal  
3 proceedings. However, these statements may be used  
4 against you in relation to subsequent departmental  
5 charges.

6 Detective, do you understand the provisions of  
7 Patrol Guide 206-13?

8 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I do.

9 SGT. TERRAN: The Department's policy regarding  
10 false statements states that the making of false  
11 statements will result in dismissal from the  
12 Department, absent exceptional circumstances. Examples  
13 of false statements include, but are not necessarily  
14 limited to, lying under oath during a civil,  
15 administrative or criminal proceeding, as well as  
16 during an official department interview conducted  
17 pursuant to Patrol Guide Procedure 206-13 -  
18 "Interrogation of Members of the Service." Exceptional  
19 circumstances will be determined by the Police  
20 Commissioner on a case-by-case basis.

21 Detective, do you understand the provisions of  
22 Patrol Guide 203-08?

23 SGT. GARLAND: Yes, I do.

24 SGT. TERRAN: Detective Mantz, please state your  
25 tax number.

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1 DET. MANTZ: 909846.

2 SGT. TERRAN: And what is your present assignment,  
3 your command?

4 DET. MANTZ: I'm in charge of the solicitation  
5 investigations and specialized cases, work directly  
6 through Lt. Zirillo, and I also handle the roll calls  
7 and administrative duties, the computer duties.

8 SGT. TERRAN: And how long have you been in Group  
9 #51?

10 DET. MANTZ: March 2001, a little over three  
11 years.

12 SGT. TERRAN: I want to just bring you back. Were  
13 you working on November 27th of 2003?

14 DET. MANTZ: November 27th?

15 SGT. TERRAN: There is a roll call there just to  
16 refresh your recollection.

17 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I was.

18 SGT. TERRAN: Can you tell me your tour of duty on  
19 that date?

20 DET. MANTZ: 5:45 to 14:00.

21 SGT. TERRAN: What is your office number?

22 DET. MANTZ: My office phone number?

23 SGT. TERRAN: Yes, your office phone number.

24 DET. MANTZ: The one directly at my desk is 718-  
25 383-8454.

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1 SGT. TERRAN: 8454?

2 DET. MANTZ: Yes.

3 SGT. TERRAN: And can you tell me whose telephone  
4 number is 383-8067?

5 DET. MANTZ: That's the main number that comes  
6 into the unit, 8067 is I think there is two desks that  
7 have it but anyone can pick up that line.

8 SGT. TERRAN: Can you tell me which two?

9 DET. MANTZ: I think the desk that has it right  
10 now Detective Siraco sits at that desk and I'm not suer  
11 where the other phone may ring on that. To my  
12 knowledge I just don't know for sure.

13 SGT. TERRAN: All right. On November 27, 2003,  
14 you stated that you were working on that day and you  
15 were performing a 5 to 1 tour?

16 DET. MANTZ: 5:45 to 2.

17 SGT. TERRAN: Did there ever come a point in time  
18 on that day, if you recall, which was Thanksgiving,  
19 that was Thanksgiving day--

20 DET. MANTZ: Yes it was.

21 SGT. TERRAN: Do you know who else was working on  
22 that date?

23 DET. MANTZ: By looking at the roll call and the  
24 sign-in sheet, yes, I can see that Detective Perry from  
25 the Mice Unit, Group #7 came into my office because he

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1 and I had to work on the computers that day. That's  
2 what we had discussed to do that day. So Detective  
3 Perry signed on in my office and we did computer work  
4 that day. And then I know that Captain (Ferman) came  
5 in and then Detective Balle came in.

6 SGT. TERRAN: Did you receive a call from  
7 Detective Dones on November 27, 2003, do you recall?

8 DET. MANTZ: I can't recall. I could have  
9 received a call from him. It would not have been  
10 unusual for me to receive a call from him since we work  
11 in the office but I can't specifically say whether I  
12 did that day.

13 SGT. TERRAN: The call it was about 10:00 in the  
14 morning, 10:18 in the morning.

15 DET. MANTZ: It's possible. I don't have a  
16 recollection of it. If he did call in the office at  
17 that time in the morning and I answered the phone, yes  
18 I did receive a phone call.

19 SGT. TERRAN: You don't recall him ever wishing  
20 you guys a happy Thanksgiving?

21 DET. MANTZ: No, I'm sorry, I don't remember that.

22 SGT. TERRAN: Okay. Do you recall if at all  
23 possible during that day Detective Dones ever inquire  
24 as to who was working on that date or the following  
25 date? Which would be November 28th of 2003?

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1 DET. MANTZ: I don't have a recollection of the  
2 phone call so I don't know for sure. He could have  
3 asked me and I could have told him, and it would be  
4 normal for me to go ahead and tell him, yes okay so and  
5 so is working this time and you know who is working  
6 tomorrow or today?

7 SGT. TERRAN: Regarding computer codes, do you  
8 have a computer code?

9 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I do.

10 SGT. TERRAN: Do you hand out computer codes to  
11 the guys in your unit?

12 DET. MANTZ: I am the only person who has a list  
13 of everyone's computer code.

14 SGT. TERRAN: And where do you have that?

15 DET. MANTZ: That is locked in my upper right hand  
16 desk drawer of my desk.

17 SGT. TERRAN: Would anyone else in your unit have  
18 access to those codes?

19 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

20 SGT. TERRAN: Did there ever come a point in time,  
21 were you working on November 28, 2003?

22 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I was.

23 SGT. TERRAN: Can you tell me what tour you were  
24 working on that day?

25 DET. MANTZ: On that day I came in at the same

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1 time, 5:45. We were approached to come in early, to  
2 work an early tour. And the same reason was to work on  
3 the computers.

4 SGT. TERRAN: Do you ever recall receiving a phone  
5 call from Detective Dones on that date?

6 DET. MANTZ: No. He could have called me. I mean  
7 the phone rings every day. I mean it's not unusual for  
8 guys to call in on their RDOs when they are not there,  
9 I mean everybody does. And I could have received a  
10 call from him, yes, but I don't independently recollect  
11 that.

12 LT. MEHERE: Did you work past your tour that day  
13 or 14:00 you ended tour? If you look at the paperwork.

14 DET. MANTZ: I think I worked to the end of my  
15 tour but I actually think that I signed off at 14:00  
16 but I'm not sure. The 26th?

17 SGT. TERRAN: It would be on the 28th, now we are  
18 talking about the 28th.

19 DET. MANTZ: 14:00 to end of tour and I can't  
20 remember staying in the office any later than 14:00.

21 SGT. TERRAN: Okay. On the 28th do you recall  
22 seeing Detective Dones come in on his day off?

23 DET. MANTZ: No. He was never there when I was  
24 there.

25 SGT. TERRAN: And you are saying that you left at?

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1 DET. MANTZ: At approximately 14:00 it would have  
2 been you know to my recollection I left around 14:00.  
3 The only reason I wouldn't have left at 14:00 or I may  
4 have left and dropped and something off in Manhattan or  
5 something that day but I don't know for sure.

6 SGT. TERRAN: On the 28th of November, did you  
7 access any computer logs, any IA-Prologues pertaining  
8 to Detective Vasquez?

9 DET. MANTZ: I don't remember whether I perused  
10 the logs in the computer that day or not. But part of  
11 my duties are to peruse every log that has anything to  
12 do with our group. So I would go through each of the  
13 logs like when you go into what's going on, what's  
14 happening today. I usually go back a couple of days  
15 and I go through every log to see if there is anything  
16 that pertains to us. I may have but I don't know  
17 whether I, I don't have any recollection purposely of  
18 doing it.

19 LT. MEHERE: When you do, do you use your own  
20 personal code to access or do you use anybody from the  
21 office?

22 DET. MANTZ: My code.

23 LT. MEHERE: So let's say you ran Joe Smith or  
24 whatever, it would come under your code.

25 DET. MANTZ: Only my code.

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1 LT. MEHERE: And that's how it would tell that you  
2 access all these logs.

3 DET. MANTZ: To be perfectly honest with you, I  
4 have never ever used anyone's else's code to sign on  
5 the computer, I use my own code.

6 SGT. TERRAN: That list with everyone's codes on  
7 it, did you ever give that list down to anyone, did you  
8 ever provide that information to anyone?

9 DET. MANTZ: I never provided other people with,  
10 other than if they asked me for their own code. If  
11 they forgot their own I would go to them and say okay  
12 let me go check the list and I would get it out and say  
13 okay your number is this.

14 SGT. TERRAN: Did Detective Dones ever ask you to  
15 look up any logs pertaining to Julio Vasquez or  
16 Detective Rajko?

17 DET. MANTZ: No.

18 SGT. TERRAN: Did you, now when I asked you  
19 regarding Detective Vasquez, do you remember ever  
20 accessing any logs pertaining to Detective Rajko?

21 DET. MANTZ: We were very early on in this  
22 investigation on I think the 26th, my unit was involved  
23 in that and I was particularly involved in it. And yes  
24 I did access logs in regards to that. And I may have  
25 gone back to check to see if those logs had been

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1 updated and if there was any updates on those logs from  
2 people in my unit. But other than that, that would  
3 have been the only time that I went in the logs.

4 SGT. TERRAN: But that's on the 26th. The 26th  
5 your group becomes aware of this investigation which is  
6 being carried out.

7 DET. MANTZ: Correct.

8 SGT. TERRAN: On the 27th--

9 DET. MANTZ: I may have gone back in on the 27th  
10 and checked those logs to make sure any updates that  
11 were done had been done to them. But other than that,  
12 no.

13 LT. MEHERE: But you would use your own code.

14 DET. MANTZ: My code. Only my code.

15 SGT. TERRAN: And the same thing on the 28th,  
16 would you come in on the 28th, you were working the  
17 28th would you check IA-Prologues pertaining to Julio  
18 Vasquez, Detective Rajko or any other members of the  
19 service on that date?

20 DET. MANTZ: Of any other members of the service  
21 check logs on any other members of the service on that  
22 day would I check them?

23 SGT. TERRAN: Okay we'll start with Julio Vasquez  
24 on the 28th. Did you check any logs pertaining to him?

25 DET. MANTZ: I may have. When I pursue the logs,

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1 I may have opened up those logs. When I go through the  
2 logs that have stuff to do with Group #51. Because  
3 everything is on the screen there and I just go down  
4 the list and I click on it and see what it is to make  
5 sure, I may have done that. But not intensely to look  
6 at that log.

7 SGT. TERRAN: Related to Detective Rajko, any logs  
8 pertaining to Detective Rajko?

9 DET. MANTZ: If it was on the screen, if the log  
10 from that previous tour, in other words if the log that  
11 had been generated on the 26th I think was still on the  
12 screen and I was going down through, yes, I probably  
13 would have clicked on that log to make sure that it was  
14 there or to make sure that the logs were being perused.  
15 But not, for those I would have done it to every log.  
16 I don't know whether you understand what I'm trying to  
17 say.

18 SGT. TERRAN: Yes, I do. What about any logs on  
19 the 28th pertaining to any other member of the service?  
20 Is that customary for you to look up other members of  
21 the service? Not related to this incident which  
22 involved--

23 DET. MANTZ: I mean to look up other members of  
24 the service?

25 LT. MEHERE: That's not pertaining to your

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1 function.

2 DET. MANTZ: No I mean I don't go into any other,  
3 anybody else's, I mean sometimes I go into my own to  
4 see if the logs have gone up to mine but other than  
5 clicking on logs that are on the screen, I wouldn't  
6 think that I went to anybody else's that--

7 SGT. TERRAN: Would you, on the 28th of November  
8 of 2003, we have 11 logs that were accessed pertaining  
9 to Julio Vasquez.

10 DET. MANTZ: To my recollection I didn't go into  
11 any of them. Not purposely. I mean it might have been  
12 on the screen or something like that. If we clicked on  
13 his name to see what other logs he had, I would have  
14 done that on the 26th. I don't believe that I would  
15 have ever done that on the 28th. And I don't remember  
16 doing that.

17 SGT. TERRAN: Okay.

18 DET. MANTZ: Now I know the question, now I  
19 understand what you were talking about clicking on  
20 things, okay.

21 SGT. TERRAN: Okay. To the best of your  
22 recollection on November 28th of 2004, did you see  
23 Detective Dones in the office?

24 DET. MANTZ: No, I did not.

25 SGT. TERRAN: Do you know which vehicle is

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1 assigned to Detective Dones and Detective Clohossy?

2 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I do.

3 SGT. TERRAN: Which vehicle is that?

4 DET. MANTZ: It's a black I think Chevy Impala. I  
5 can't remember the exact car number, I think it's a  
6 three-digit number.

7 SGT. TERRAN: 169?

8 DET. MANTZ: 169, that's it.

9 SGT. TERRAN: Okay. Did you on November 28th of  
10 2004, did you use this vehicle, 169?

11 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

12 SGT. TERRAN: Who has the keys to that vehicle?

13 DET. MANTZ: The keys to the vehicle are Detective  
14 Clohossy and Detective Dones. They are the two Bronx  
15 team members that are assigned to that vehicle. the  
16 only other set of keys to that vehicle, that I know of,  
17 are locked in Lt. Zirillo's desk drawer. He has an  
18 extra set keys to every vehicle, I'm pretty sure he has  
19 an extra set of keys to every vehicle locked in his  
20 desk.

21 SGT. TERRAN: So you didn't see Detective Dones on  
22 November 28th?

23 DET. MANTZ: No, sir, and I have known this has  
24 been coming for a while and I've searched my  
25 recollection and I just don't remember seeing him.

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1 LT. MEHERE: And you left approximately 14:00.

2 DET. MANTZ: Approximately 14:00 I would have been  
3 out the door. It was the day after Thanksgiving and  
4 that's why I came in early so I could get out.

5 SGT. TERRAN: Let me ask, do you have a cell phone  
6 number?

7 DET. MANTZ: Yes, I do.

8 SGT. TERRAN: What is your cell phone number?

9 DET. MANTZ: 917-916-8101.

10 LT. MEHERE: You only have one?

11 DET. MANTZ: That's all I have.

12 SGT. TERRAN: Do you have a pager number?

13 DET. MANTZ: I have a department pager but my  
14 department pager I never use, it's been in my desk  
15 drawer for months. Well I have two.

16 SGT. TERRAN: Detective Perry works out of the  
17 Mice Unit?

18 DET. MANTZ: The Mice Unit.

19 SGT. TERRAN: And he was working with you on--

20 DET. MANTZ: Thanksgiving day, the 27th.

21 SGT. TERRAN: Okay and what about the 28th? Was  
22 he there on the 28th?

23 DET. MANTZ: No, I don't believe he was there on  
24 the 28th. He would have signed in the book and I don't  
25 remember him being there on the 28th at all. I think

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1 he came there to do, we have a lot of computer problems-  
2 in our office and he came there to reinstall hardware  
3 and then I continued to reinstall that stuff the next  
4 day.

5 SGT. TERRAN: I'm just going to take you back, on  
6 the 27th do you recall receiving a phone call from  
7 Detective Dones at about 10:00 in the morning?

8 DET. MANTZ: Specifically I don't recall it. It  
9 is possible that he did call and I did answer the phone  
10 and I did speak to him but it wouldn't be abnormal for  
11 him to do that.

12 SGT. TERRAN: On a day off, on a day in which he  
13 is off?

14 DET. MANTZ: In my unit, to be straightforward,  
15 people call in on their days off all the time. I mean  
16 we all do.

17 SGT. TERRAN: And on the 28th do you recall?  
18 There were two phone calls made from Detective Dones to  
19 your office. Do you ever recall receiving any one of  
20 those phone calls?

21 DET. MANTZ: Again specifically I can't recall a  
22 particular phone call. I may have spoken to him that  
23 day, yes.

24 SGT. TERRAN: Did you ever access any IA-Prologues  
25 under Detective Dones' computer code?

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1 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

2 SGT. TERRAN: On November 28th of 2003, did you  
3 see Detective Dones in the office?

4 DET. MANTZ: No.

5 SGT. TERRAN: Did you use R&P 169 on November 28,  
6 2003?

7 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

8 SGT. TERRAN: All right. Any questions? Okay.  
9 Detective, is there anything concerning this  
10 investigation which you believe we have not covered?

11 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

12 SGT. TERRAN: You have an opportunity at this time  
13 to make statements. Do you wish to do so?

14 DET. MANTZ: No, sir.

15 SGT. TERRAN: The time is now 15:35 hours. This  
16 interview is concluded.

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